

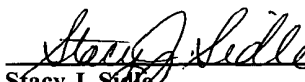


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Dane Kenton Parker, et al.)
For: PREPARATION AND USE OF A)
NANOCOMPOSITE OF ELASTOMER AND)
EXFOLIATED CLAY PLATELETS FORMED IN)
SITU WITHIN AN ELASTOMER HOST AND)
ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE, INCLUDING)
TIRES, HAVING AT LEAST ONE COMPONENT)
COMPRISED THEREOF)
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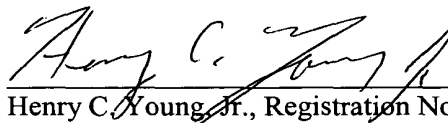
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